

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lawrence C. Little, Attorney Docket: 1430/103
Serial No.: 10/827,140 Art Unit: 3749
Date Filed: 4/19/2004 Examiner: James G. Barrow
Invention: Welding Torch Striker with Safety Stopper

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AGENT'S RECORD OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW OF 2/7/06

Re: Letter of 2/4/06 sent to Examiner by Inventor via facsimile

Participants: John L. Lee and James G. Barrow.

John told James that on Saturday, February 4, 2006, the inventor, after viewing the Examiner's Office Action of Thursday, February 2, 2006, on the PAIR system, had sent a letter to James via facsimile. (John now has a copy of the letter).

John further told James that the inventor had sent the letter before he (John) had either seen the letter or had an opportunity to review the Office Action. James responded by stating that he had not received the letter, and found no entry of it in his case file. (It was agreed that the letter might have been received by the PTO but not yet entered into the computer).

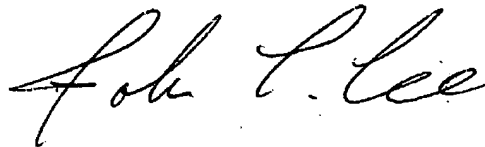
John, as the agent of record, requested that the inventor's letter of 2/4/06 be not treated by James as constituting a formal response to the Office Action dated 2/2/06, so as to give John time

to prepare and file a full response within the statutory period for reply. John explained that the letter responds partially to some of the issues raised in the Office Action, but not fully to any of the issues.

James said he could not respond to this request until he had read the letter.

It was agreed that James, after receiving the letter, will not immediately treat the letter as constituting a formal Response, and that James will call John to let him know how the PTO handles situations of this nature.

Respectfully submitted,



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